

Useful Websites

Troops to Teachers

www.proudtoserveagain.com Troops to Teachers primary objective is to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America.

SOCAD www.soc.army.mil Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges – Army Degrees (SOCAD) are colleges and universities dedicated to helping service members and their families earn associate and baccalaureate degrees.

AARTS aarts.army.mil Army/ACE Registry Transcript System (AARTS) is an Army transcript available to all service members; free.

COOL www.cool.army.mil Use Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) to find civilian credentials related to your Military Occupational Specialty (MOS).

Green to Gold www.rotc.monroe.army.mil The Army Green to Gold Scholarship program provides selected active duty members an opportunity to complete their baccalaureate degree requirements and obtain a commission.



OCS www.armyocs.com A GT score of at least 110, minimum of 90 college credits, and SAT or ACT are among the requirements for the Officer Candidate School (OCS).

Warrant Officer www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant Warrant officers are highly specialized, single-track specialty officers.

e-Learning Program <https://usarmy.skillport.com> Provides over 1,500 online courses, 24x7, at no cost to eligible individuals.

SHAPE Education Center

Bldg. 212, SHAPE
Administration and Counseling:
DSN 423-3466
Commercial 065-44-3466

Central Texas College	423-7447
University of Maryland	423-5173
University of Oklahoma	423-3654
University of Phoenix	423-4645
AF Counselor	423-4446
Testing	423-5501
Army Learning Center	423-3309

E-mail: shape.education@benelux.army.mil

Brussels Education Center

Bldg. 1, USAG Brussels
Administration and Counseling:
DSN 368-9704
Commercial 02-717-9704

Central Texas College at SHAPE	423-7447
University of Maryland	368-9765
University of Oklahoma at SHAPE	423-3654
University of Phoenix at SHAPE	423-4645

E-mail: shape.education@benelux.army.mil

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. – Alvin Toffler



SHAPE/Brussels Education Centers

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

SHAPE Education Center
DSN 423-3466

Brussels Education Center
DSN 368-9704

College Programs

College classes are available in a face-to-face (traditional) format and online. Undergraduate classes meet twice a week in the evening for 3 hours for a total of 8 weeks. Lunchtime and weekend classes are also offered.

Certificates and Associates Degrees are offered by two academic institutions in Belgium in a face-to-face format. The certificate usually requires 15-32 semester hours of credit while the associate degree program requires 60-65 semester hours of completed credit.

1. **Central Texas College** www.ctcd.europe.edu offers following vocational-occupational degrees in Belgium: Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Professions, and Emergency Medical Technician Program.

2. The **University of Maryland University College (UMUC)** www.ed.umuc.edu offers an A.A. in Business Management, Computer Studies, General Studies, and Management.



Bachelor's Degrees

UMUC offers lower and upper level courses leading towards a bachelor's degree. A bachelor's degree requires 120 semester hours. The following majors are available in a traditional setting: Business Administration, Computer Studies, History, and Psychology.

Master's Degrees There are two academic institutions offering face-to-face graduate programs in Belgium. The **University of Oklahoma** offers a Masters of Human Relations (www.ou.goou.edu). The **University of Phoenix** offers a Master of Business Administration and M.A. in Education/Elementary Teacher Education (www.uopxmilitary.edu).

Additional majors and concentrations for all academic institutions are available online.

eArmyU Program

In 2001, the U.S. Army inaugurated one of the most innovative online learning programs in the world – eArmyU. This education initiative is designed to offer eligible enlisted Soldiers and officers the opportunity to work toward a college degree anytime, anywhere.



eArmyU is state-of-the-art online learning through eArmyU.com website. It offers 100%

assistance (up to the established caps) for tuition, books and course fees, academic mentoring, and credit for prior training and education. Soldiers select from 148 certificate or degree programs from a home college while taking courses across 28 eArmyU-participating colleges and universities. eArmyU serves as a comprehensive opportunity through which today's Soldiers can achieve their educational goals.

Counseling The SHAPE and Brussels Education Centers have professionally trained counselors available to provide educational and career counseling services for the entire community free of charge.

French/Dutch Headstart is a requirement for all Soldiers assigned to USAREUR for the first time. Adult family members and other members of the USAG Benelux communities may attend on a space-available basis. The 30-hour block of instruction is conducted over four days. It covers different aspects of Belgian life, the people, traditions, and culture. The course also teaches basic everyday French/Dutch language terms and phrases. Free.

Army Learning Center (ALC) ALC provides materials designed to increase or refresh MOS proficiency, to remedy educational weaknesses, and to stimulate independent study for professional and personal development.

Computer Lab Open from 8 am to 5 pm every day of the week; and additionally until 8 pm every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Academic and Military Testing

CLEP General Exams consist of five separate tests: English, Math, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Humanities. CLEP Subject Examinations consist of subject-specific tests, for ex. American History or Psychology. Diagnostic tests for CLEP tests are available on www.petersons.com/army. Use Activation Code SHAP473.

DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) and Excelsior College Examinations (ECE) cover college and vocational-technical subjects. Other tests include GED, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, and Praxis.

Army tests available: AFAST, ASVAB, AFCT, DLAB, and DLPT. Talk to the education counselor to check eligibility requirements, scores, time limits, and required forms.

Tuition Assistance/Financial Aid

Tuition Assistance (TA) www.GoArmyEd.com
The Army TA program provides financial assistance to help defray tuition costs for military personnel enrolled in off-duty courses conducted by an accredited college or university. The total amount of tuition assistance payable in one fiscal year is \$4500 and is limited to \$250 per credit hour.

The GI Bill www.gibill.va.gov The amount of education benefits for which a service member may be eligible depends on the date of entrance into active duty and the conditions under which the individual entered as stated in the initial enlistment contract. Additional payment of \$600 to enhance a Soldier's MGIB by \$150 per month can be made.

Pell Grant www.fafsa.gov Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at your education center (or apply online.)

Spouse Education Assistance www.aerhq.org
Army Emergency Relief (AER) offers the education assistance for dependent spouses of active-duty Soldiers stationed in Europe.